| | Rural | Urban | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Poverty line (Rs. per capita per month) | 220.74 | 247.53 | — |
| Percentage of People Below Poverty Line | 40.80% | 22.41% | 35.66% |
| Number of People Below Poverty Line (million) | 20.99 | 4.47- | 25.46 |

**Downward Trend of Economic Growth**

3053. SHRI R PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic growth registered a downward trend in the third quarter of 1999-2000 compared to the first and second quarters ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the factors responsible for a lower rate of growth have been identified; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard in order to improve the overall performance of the economy ?

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(b) to (d) In view of above, does not arise.